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1. KISSINGER'S MOSCOW TRIP AND ANGOLA: PORTUGUESE MEDIA TEND TO GIVE AT LEAST AS MUCH EMPHASIS TO PROBABLE DISCUSSION OF ANGOLAN ISSUE IN MOSCOW AS TO SALT II NEGOTIATIONS. SAMPLE HEADLINE: JAN. 21 FRONT-PAGE "O SEculo"--"U.S.-USSR RELATIONS 'COMPLICATED' BY ANGOLA ISSUE, KISSINGER SAYS IN COPENHAGEN." JAN 21 "JORNAL NOVO" CHARACTERIZED FORTHCOMING MOSCOW TALKS AS RELATING "TO GREAT THEMES WHICH ARE PROFOUNDLY LINKED--STRATEGIC ARMS REDUCTIONS AND THE ANGOLAN SITUATION." SOME JAN. 21 PAPERS PLAYED UP KISSINGER'S COPENHAGEN STATEMENT TO THE PRESS IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED U.S. CONCERN RE COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN NATO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. SOME OF THE JAN. 20 AND 21 PRESS CONTINUED TO PICK UP REPORTS OF STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S COMMENT THAT STRONG REPRESENTATIONS HAD BEEN MADE TO THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT REGARDING INFORMATION THAT CUBAN PLANES WERE REFUELING IN THE AZORES ON THE WAY TO ANGOLA. "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" JAN. 21 PUBLISHED FRONT-PAGE MAP OF AFRICA SHOWING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES (SUCH AS MPLA-CONTROLLED TERRITORY IN ANGOLA) PURPORTEDLY UNDER SOME DEGREE OF SOVIET INFLUENCE. CAPTION SAID, "IN BLACK AFRICA THE INTERESTS OF THE MAJOR SOVIET AND AMERICAN POWERS HAVE SUBSTITUTED IN LARGE PART THE TRADITIONAL EUROPEAN COLONIALISM. AFTER THE GROWING U.S. INFLUENCE DIRECTLY

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AFTER WORLD WAR TWO, THE SOVIET UNION THROUGH FINANCIAL AND

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE APPEARED ON THE AFRICAN SCENE AS A MAJOR POWER...."

2. FORD'S STATE OF UNION ADDRESS AND CIA: STATE TV IN JAN. 20
PRIME-TIME NEWSCAST HIGHLIGHTED INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF ADDRESS
AND SHOWED SOME SATELLITE FOOTAGE OF PRESIDENT. REPORT INCLUDED
BRIEF CRITICISMS OF ADDRESS BY SOME U.S. CONGRESSMEN BUT GAVE
NO POSITIVE CONGRESSIONAL REACTIONS. JAN. 20 "DIARIO POPULAR"
HEADLINED REPORT ON ADDRESS, "FORD PROMISES TO REFORM INTELLIGENCE
SERVICES." COLUMNIST MANUEL RODRIGUES IN JAN. 21 "O DIA" NOTED
FORD'S STATEMENT THAT INTERNAL ATTACKS ON CIA "COULD INCREASE
THE RISK OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN ARMED CONFLICT, AND THAT HE
(THE PRESIDENT) PROPOSED TO RECUPERATE THE SITUATION...."
RODRIGUES' BALANCED PIECE REVIEWED PUBLISHED CRITICISMS OF
CIA AND SAID THE PRESENT FAD OF PUBLICIZING NAMES OF CIA
AGENTS IN EUROPE IS "QUESTIONABLE IN VIEW OF THE ASSASSINATION
OF ONE OF THOSE INVOLVED, RICHARD WELCH...."
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